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LB 46, 407

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: We're going to have lots of problems if we do this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Landis, on the Erdman amendment to LB 407.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we now get to talk about what's X, and I think Senator Erdman has indicated that 250-some million dollars of revenue and about a \$100 million of X, and I think that's what Doug Cunningham was saying as well. That number is his number, if you will; not exactly these cuts necessarily, but along those lines. So I'll tell you a little bit about X in my rationale for this one as well. My X is where we are now with the Appropriations Committee. I'm not sure how many of us there are. I would predict that probably not a full majority of the body is where I am, but my number is now 350 million bucks, essentially, and I'm supporting programs that would...I'm supporting revenue sufficient to do that. Do I predict that the body itself is there? And my prediction actually is, no, it's not. My prediction is that it's some place between those two numbers, my belief in \$350 or \$355 and the number that I think Senator Erdman's is putting forth here and that Senator Cunningham has endorsed as well. Let me tell you why it's probably not the number that I see as being in this amendment, or anyone like it that you're likely to come up with. If you take the \$6.6 million out of the Supreme Court, you are really not making the probation system work. The probation system starts to fall apart with that kind of a cut. With our expectations in LB 46, you can't make the probation system work. If you take the \$21 million, if I've got the numbers right, out of Health and Human Services administration, there aren't that many managers or bean counters. If you get the \$21 million out of the administration of Health and Human Services, we're now talking not about high figure managers who are moving paper from one side of the desk, we're talking about the line workers themselves. We're talking about child protective services folks. We're talking about people in the field. You can't get to a number like \$10 million in finances and \$10 million in